#### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:

Pcter BUDTZ et al.

Title:

ENZYMATIC PROCESS FOR

OBTAINING INCREASED YIELD OF

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Appl. No.:

10/572,911

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Sheridan R. Macauley

Examiner:
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## REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. This RCE and the enclosed items listed below are being filed prior to the earliest of: (1) payment of the issue fee (unless a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313 is granted); (2) abandonment of the application; or (3) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. §141, or the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. §145 or §146 (unless the appeal or civil action is terminated).

### 1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114: (check items that apply)

- b. Enclosed are:
- [X] Amendment/Reply.
- [X] Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s).

#### The filing fee is calculated below:

	Claims as Amended		Previously Paid For	Extra Claims Present		Rate	I	Fee Totals
RCE Fee 1.17(e):						\$810.00	-	\$810.00
Total Claims:	28	-	28	= 0	x	\$52.00	=	\$0.00
Independents	2	-	2	= 0	x	\$220.00	-	\$0.00
First p	resentation of	of any	Multiple l	Dependent Claims:	+	\$390.00	=	\$0.00
				CLAIMS	S FEI	E TOTAL:	=	\$810.00

# [X] Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

[]	Extension for response filed within the first month: \$130.00	0	\$0.00			
[X]	Extension for response filed within the second month: \$490.00		\$490.00			
[]	Extension for response filed within the third month: \$1,110.00	•	\$0.00			
[]	Extension for response filed within the fourth month: \$1,730.00	•	\$0.00			
[]	Extension for response filed within the fifth month: \$2,350.00	•	\$0.00			
	EXTENSION FEE SUBTOTAL:					
	EXTENSION FEE ALREADY PAID:	- 1	\$0.00			
	EXTENSION FEE TOTAL					
[]	Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above):		\$0.00			
[]	Suspension of action requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c)	-	\$0.00			
	TOTAL FEE:		\$1300.00			

The above-identified fees of \$1300.00 are being paid by credit card via EFS-Web.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by the credit card payment instructions in EFS-Web being incorrect or absent, resulting in a rejected or incorrect credit card transaction, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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